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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	Marco STEIGER and David SUTER
Serial No.	
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For	Material Removing Tool
Patent Examiner	Shantese McDonald
Group Art Unit	3723
Continuation-in-part of	Serial No. 09/123,759 filed July 27, 1998

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Director of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed in response to the Official Action of April 24, 2001 in the parent application Serial No. 09/123,759 (Paper No. 4).

It is respectfully requested that the parent application Serial No. 09/123,759 be abandoned on the date of filing of the present continuation-in-part application.